



ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

TUESDAY EVENING, SEPT. 6, 1902.

THE THIRD PARTY'S strength, if it really have any, lies in the rural parts of the country, the cities and towns being almost bare of it. It really seems that the mere fact that some people live in the country renders them glibble, and blind to what town people see at a glance. They read the same books and newspapers that town people do, and they come to town and talk with town people, and yet many of them allow themselves to be deceived by the grossest and most transparent humbugs, and, stranger still, they seem to be unable to see that some of the legislative measures they endorse, though injurious to all, would hurt them more than any other class of people. Why, if the third party stumpers were to make such speeches to a town, as they do to country audiences, their grossly incorrect and absurd statements would be recognized even by the boys, and they would be ridiculed and scouted from the stage.

IN THE President's letter accepting his renomination he endorses all he has previously said in support of the Force bill. It is well to remember that his message to Congress last December contained the following:

"An attempt was made in the last Congress to bring to bear the constitutional powers of the general government for the correction of frauds against the suffrage. It is important to know whether the opposition to such measures is really based on principle, or is merely a pretext for obstructing the progress of the law. The election laws of the United States are inadequate to the correction of grave and acknowledged evils."

In a previous message, in recommending the passage of the same bill, he said: "Nor shall it be forgotten that every law, whether relating to elections or to any other subject, whether enacted by the State or by the nation, has force behind it."

IF WHAT Mr. Harrison says in his letter of acceptance in respect of the operation of the McKinley bill be true, then that bill has helped the farmer by increasing the price of his products, and helped the consumer of those products by lowering the price he has to pay for them; it has also made manufacturers cheap by increasing the cost of the material of which they are made, and has enabled the manufacturer to raise the wages of his employees by lowering the price of the articles made by them. This shows the estimate the republican President of the country puts upon the intelligence of the voters thereof.

IT APPEARS that among those who have flocked to Homestead to take the places of the self-discharged strikers, are many college graduates and business and professional men, who were attracted there by the high wages the strikers were receiving, and who, though never in an iron mill before, had intelligence enough to enable them to acquire in a short time sufficient skill to perform the work required of them, and who have already become almost experts in the work upon which they are engaged.

ARKANSAS WAS one of the States Gen. Field counted as cock sure for the third party. An election was held there yesterday, the result being that the democratic ticket got more votes than the third party and the republican tickets combined. An amusing thing about the election, is that both the defeated parties attribute the result to the Australian ballot system, a republican measure, and adopted at the instance of republicans, as a sure means by which to secure a "free ballot and a fair count."

PRESIDENT HARRISON in his letter formally accepting his renomination says: "The civil service law is enforced with vigor and impartiality." And this too, with Commissioner Roosevelt's report of the gross infraction of the civil service law, in his hands, and though he knows that lists of all the office holders have been made at the government's expense and sent to Chairman Carter, so that political assessments can be the more easily collected.

THE LAW designating the first Monday in September as Labor Day, and making it a holiday, was passed as a means by which to gain the votes of laborers. The effect of the law was to deprive those laborers who observed it yesterday of one day's wages, and to give the banks and bankers two days' unearned interest on the millions of dollars they had lent to poor people.

NOTWITHSTANDING the tariff tax of two cents a pound on tin, the tin works at Swansea, Massachusetts, have closed operations for lack of profit, and two thousand hands have been thrown out of employment at the commencement of winter. The world is too old for a protective tariff, no matter how high, to overcome natural obstructions to successful business.

The fair at Fairfax Courthouse commenced to-day. It promises to be a success.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.

The Secretary of State has received a telegram from the U. S. Consul at Bremen saying: "Prof. Koch states excellent sanitary condition in Bremen and Bremerhaven. Single transmitted cases may occur. No danger of epidemic cholera." He also received the following telegram from the same Consul: "Two deaths—child and mother; supposed cholera. Dr. Koch here to ascertain." These telegrams comprised the only intelligence received there this morning in regard to cholera.

Among the few Congressmen in the city to-day is Mr. Catlings of Mississippi, who is just from New York. How that State will go, he says, is certainly unknown to him, and he believes to every body else. About Indiana, he says he knows more, and that knowledge induces him to feel confident that the vote of that State will be cast for Mr. Cleveland. He hasn't the slightest doubt of the maintenance of the solid South, and says such doubts as have been raised concerning the dissolution of the solidarity of his section are the result of the talk of some democratic candidates for Congress in the South who want money with which to secure their own election. The vote of the southern States, he says, will be all right, though the third party may gain a few Congressmen.

The betting here to-day on the prize fight to take place at New Orleans tomorrow between Sullivan and Corbett is more than two to one on the former. At democratic headquarters to-day it is said that of the thousands of letters received there during the last few days from the States generally, almost all are doubtful, not one contains an expression of doubt as to the Presidential electoral vote, the only doubt expressed in any of them being in respect of certain Congressional districts. They all say that Cleveland will carry the States beyond peradventure, and most of them say he will do so chiefly by reason of his low tariffs.

A North Carolina democrat, here to-day, says the republican convention of his State will meet tomorrow and though many of the delegates will oppose the nomination of a State ticket and favor the support of the third party ticket, he thinks they will be overcome and that the majority will insist upon putting a straight ticket in the field, and he believes their nominee for Governor will be J. E. Boyd, who was once a Ku-Klux leader. He says, however, that a man's character and reputation have no effect upon the number of third party votes he will receive in his State. The third party, he says, is not as strong as it was some time ago, and is waning every day.

Intelligence from Petersburg, Virginia, here to-day, is to the effect that Langston has got "em," that is the republicans. The republican congressional committee met there yesterday and decided to call a convention on the 27th inst. Langston will be a candidate, but if not successful will run as a volunteer, and make a race campaign, and will not withdraw unless a good place is made by the administration.

An old time New York democrat, now here on private business, says it will be time enough to be speculating about Senator Hill's course in the present campaign when Tammany's ratification meeting shall be held, and that he can't see why Senator Hill's course, any more than that of any other prominent democrat who has not made speeches since the Chicago convention, should be questioned. The campaign in New York has not yet commenced he says, and that when it shall be Senator Hill, whether his assistance be or not be desired by Mr. Cleveland, will make good his famous remark "I am a democrat."

EXCITEMENT AT A KING GEORGE MEETING.—A letter from King George to the Fredericksburg *Lance* says:

A large crowd of people assembled at King George Court House, last Thursday, it being court day, to attend to regular business and hear the local issues of the day discussed by Hon. E. E. Meredith and T. Wilson Moore, esq., candidate for the Eighth district, democrats, and Hon. R. B. Turner, the people's party candidate for Congress. As we stated before Mr. Turner does not appear to advantage on the stump and is no match for Meredith or Moore, but in a rough and "country-like" manner presents his cause to the sovereigns.

After Mr. Meredith had finished his speech Mr. Turner took the stand.

As to his consistency, he said there was little difference between him and his friend, Mr. Meredith, even as far as the Hotchkiss point of view. He had heard that when Mr. Hummer ran against General Lee, Mr. Meredith informed Mr. Hummer before he announced himself that if he did so, he (Meredith) would support him. Mr. Meredith immediately asked the crowd whether they knew which candidate Mr. Meredith said: "I denounce the man who said it a liar, and the man who repeats it after him a coward." At this announcement there was a great excitement, and while Mr. Turner said he was glad to hear Mr. Meredith say that he would not have made the statement if Mr. M. had not been present and that he would not repeat it. Mr. Turner then criticized Mr. Meredith's course in Congress, and that instead of attending to the people's business, for which he was paid \$5,000 a year, he was attending the mees and betting on them, and had to be sent for in order to make up a quorum in order to vote on the Federal Reserve bill, and that he had not done until after another man had confessed the crime, and that he received a horse instead of money for his fee; it was his business to defend those who came to him for it and he would continue to do so. At this point there was great excitement, but quiet was soon restored.

THE CHOLERA.—Three deaths from cholera occurred yesterday at the lower New York quarantine—one on the steamer Normannia, one on the Regia and one on Swinburne Island. There were three fresh cases on the Normannia, two on the Regia and one on Hoffman Island. The reports from the continent of Europe show a decrease in the number of deaths and new cases. Fresh cases were reported at Liverpool and Bremen.

Dr. Shakespeare, the cholera expert, has accepted the office of port physician of Philadelphia with the understanding that he is to resign when danger from the epidemic is over.

The suit long threatened by the republicans to overthrow the Indiana legislative apportionment of 1891 was begun yesterday at New Castle. The republicans are prophesying that within two weeks the "Gerrymander" will have been overturned.

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE.

President Harrison yesterday issued from Washington his looked-for letter of acceptance of the renomination for the Presidency by the republican convention at Minneapolis. The letter is dated September 3d.

In accepting the nomination he says he feels grateful for the approval expressed by the convention of the acts of the administration.

The declaration of the platform of the Minneapolis convention in favor of "the American doctrine of protection," meets, he says, his most hearty approval, and then proceeds to give a string of figures, which doubtless need considerable revision, of the alleged enlargement of the trade of the country under the operations of the McKinley bill, which he dreams "has been substantially laid in every household upon every Saturday's purchase of the workman." (2) He then undertakes to make mountains out of the removal of the tariff on sugar (which no sane man should ever have imposed) brought about by the reciprocity treaty, and in order to bid for the now lukewarm support of the "light" says: "Great credit is due to Mr. Blaine for the vigor with which he pressed this thing upon the country." The obvious efficacy of the tariff, he imagines, "has once attracted the attention of European trade journals and boards of trade."

He says the United States now supply Cuba with about 150,000 tons of coal annually, and adds that by reason of the removal of the sanitary restrictions upon American pork, our export of pork products to Germany increased during the ten months ending June 30 last \$2,025,074, or about 22 per cent.

Further on he makes the unwarrantable assertion that protection helps the South, and says the southern States have had a liberal participation in the benefits of the tariff law.

The destructive doctrine of free trade, as he calls it, was not, he says, held or taught by the historic democratic statesmen whose fame as American patriots has reached this generation—certainly not by Jefferson or Jackson. This mad crusade, he continues, "against American shops, the bitter epithets applied to American manufactures, the persistent disbelief to every report of the opening of a tin-plate mill or of an increase of our foreign trade by reciprocity are as surprising as they are discreditable."

"The Commercial Crusade of the United States," as he is pleased to term the iniquitous tariff measure of his party, he assumes is alarming every other nation, and follows with a string of apocryphal figures to substantiate his assertions. The tin plate and pearl button hallucinations are magnified into great proportions.

The resolutions of the Minneapolis convention in favor of bi-metalism declares, he thinks, the true idea. He is thoroughly convinced that the free coinage of silver at such a ratio to gold as will maintain the equality in their commercial uses of the two coined dollars would conduce to the prosperity of all the great producing and commercial nations of the world.

Mr. Harrison quotes the following from his last annual message to Congress: "I must yet entertain the hope that it is possible to secure a calm, patriotic consideration of such constitutional or statutory changes as may be necessary to secure the choice of the officers of the government to the people by fair appointments and free elections."

To-night George Dixon and Jack Skelly, feather weights, will fight, and to-morrow night the battle between John L. Sullivan and James J. Corbett for the heavy-weight championship of the world will take place.

WHY THESE OLD MEN ARE GRAND. Bismarck declares that he owes his rugged old age to the practice of bathing regularly and freely in cold water. Gladstone ascribes his longevity to the simplicity and regularity of his habits. Tennyson believes that his having celebrated his 81st birthday is due to his not having worried or fretted over the small affairs of life. Von Moltke thought his ripe old age was owing to temperance in food and exercise in the open air.

TOSSED BY A WHALE.—A few evenings ago the five-ton fishing schooner Lilla, while off Port Canavias, 250 miles south of San Diego, Cal., had a strange experience. Something tumbled her terrifically from below. The vessel raised out of the water from the middle, as if forced up by a powerful jack screw. She went up like a flash, and fell back just in time to right herself. Then something struck the rudder a powerful blow. The next instant a huge whale, appearing to be wounded, threw water from his spouting apparatus all over the vessel. The monster swam rapidly away, spouting at intervals, and frequent in time to right herself. Then something struck the rudder a powerful blow. The next instant a huge whale, appearing to be wounded, threw water from his spouting apparatus all over the vessel. The monster swam rapidly away, spouting at intervals, and frequent in time to right herself. Then something struck the rudder a powerful blow. 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